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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES*
(2012-2013)

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*The Committee was constitued w.e.f. 23 September, 2012 *vide* Para No. 4552 of Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II dated 18 October, 2012.

**Nominated to the Committee *vide* Para No. 4625 of Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II dated 16 November, 2012

INTRODUCTION

I, the Chairperson of the Committee on Government Assurans, having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present this Thirty Second Report of the Committee on Government Assurances.

2. The Committee (2012-2013) at their sitting held on 02 July, 2013 considered Memoranda Nos. 67 to 92 containing requests received from the Ministries/ Departments for dropping of pending assurances and decided to drop 10 assurances.

3. At their sitting held on 26 August, 2013 the Committee (2012-2013) considered and adopted their Thirty Second Report.

4. The Minutes of the aforesaid sitting of the Committee form part of this report.

5. For facility of reference and convenience, the observations and recommendations of the Committee have been printed in bold letters in the Report.

NEW DELHI;
26 *August,* 2013
Bhadrapada 4*,* 1935 (*Saka*)

MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI
Chairperson,
Committee on Government Assurances.

REPORT

While replying to Questions in the House or during discussions on Bill, Resolutions, Motions, etc., Ministers sometimes give assurances, undertakings or promises either to consider a matter, take action or furnish information to the House at some later date. An assurance is required to be implemented by the Ministry concerned within a period of three months. Where a Ministry is unable to implement the assurances within the prescribed period of three months, they are required to seek extension of time. In case, the Ministry finds it difficult to implement the assurances on one ground or the other, they are required to request the Committee on Government Assurances to drop the assurances and such requests are considered by the Committee on merits and decisions taken to drop an assurances or otherwise.

2. The Committee on Government Assurances (2012-13) *inter-alia* considered the following requests received from Ministries/Departments for dropping of assurances at their sitting held on 02 July, 2013:—

SQ/USQ No. & Date	Ministry	Subject in Brief
USQ No. 587 dated 27.07.2005	External Affairs	Proposed Reforms of the UN (Appendix-I)
USQ No. 6303 dated 04.05.2010	Information and Broadcasting	Gyan Vani FM Radio (Appendix-II)
USQ No. 3168 dated 29.11.2010	Defence	Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (Appendix-III)
USQ No. 1211 dated 08.08.2011	Defence	Relocation of Missile Test Range (Appendix-IV)
USQ No. 3703 dated 25.08.2011	Railways	Railway Crossing at Dadri By-Pass (Appendix-V)
USQ No. 3794 dated 25.08.2011	Railways	Power Plants (Appendix-VI)
USQ No. 5801 dated 08.09.2011	Railways	Gauge Conversion (Appendix-VII)
USQ No. 42 dated 13.03.2012	Information & Broadcasting	Incentives to Media Persons (Appendix-VIII)
USQ No. 2266 dated 27.03.2012	Urban Development	Mithi River Project (Appendix-IX)
USQ No. 4477 dated 03.05.2012	Railways	Consultative/Advisory Committees (Appendix-X)

3. The details of the assurances arising out of the replies and the reasons(s) advanced for dropping of assurances are given in Appendix-I to X.

4. After having considered the grounds cited by the Ministries/Departments, the Committee were convinced and decided to drop the aforesaid assurances.

5. The Minutes of the sitting of the Committee, whereunder the decision to drop the assurances were taken, are given in Appendix-XI.

New Delhi;
26 August, 2013
Bhadrapade, 1935(*Saka*)

MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI
Chairpersons
Committee on Government Assurances

APPENDIX-I

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(i) Proposed Reforms of the UN

On 27 July, 2005, S/Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and C.K. Chandrappan, MPs addressed the following USQ No. 587 to the Minister of Exernal Affairs. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance and was required to be implemented by the Ministry of External affairs within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of External Affairs *vide* O.M. No. UII/125/28/2005 dated 13.06.2013, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That this Assurances should be dropped because it cannot be implemented. It is submitted that the draft resolution (A/59/L.64) tabled in the UN General assembly by India and the other G-4 countries in July 2005, with the co-sponsorship of 32 countries was never brought to vote. This draft resolution lapsed with the end of 59th session in mid-September 2005. It was again tabled in 60th session in mid-September 2006 without any voting. It is conveyed that as there was no formal voting on this draft resolution in the United Nations or any other forum, it is not possible to specify 'the reactions of other countries' to this draft resolution."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of Extenral Affairs, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

Government of India

Ministry of External Affairs

Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 587

Answered on 27.07.2005

Proposed reforms of the UN

587. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a US Special envoy, Mr. Sherin Tahir Kheli, tasked with developing Washington's position on Un-reforms including expansion and democratization of the UN Security Council, visited New Delhi in May this year;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed put fourth and articulated by Mr. Tahir;

(c) the response of the Government thereto;

(d) whether India and some other countries circulated a draft resolution on the proposed reforms of the UN; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of other countries thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes. During the visit in May, 2005 to New Delhi, Ms. Shirin Tahir-Kheli discussed a range of issue relating to UN reforms, including UN Security Council reform. This provided an opportunity for mutual exchange of views on these issues.

(d) India, Brazil, Germany and Japan-now being termed as the Group of Four (G-4) countries have introduced a Resolution on UN Security Council Reform on July 11, 2005 in the UN General Assembly. The G-4 Resolution calls for an expansion from the present 15 to a total of 25 members, by adding 6 new permanent and 4 new non-permanent members. The G-4 proposes to carry out reform through a three-step process consisting of a decision on a Framework Resolution, the election of new permanent members in the General Assembly and, subsequently, the adoption of a resolution for revisions to the Chapter after the designation of new permanent members.

(e) There is a steady accretion of support for the G-4 Resolution which is co-sponsored by 31 countries. In ths context, discussions are currently underway in the UN in New York.

APPENDIX-II

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(ii) Gyan Vani FM Radio

On 04 May, 2010 Shri P. Vishwanathan, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 6303 to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting within three months from the date of the reply but the assurnace is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting *vide* O.M. No. 501/08/2010-FM/1072-73 dated 11.12.2012, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the Assurance is basically directly related to Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and autonomous body operating under Ministry of Human Resources Development (M/o HRD). In order to fulfill the Assurance, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting called a meeting on 25.10.2012. Apart from officers of Minisry of I & B representatives of IGNOU, Ministry of HRD, All India Radio and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd. (BECIL) were present in the meeting. Director IGNOU and representative of Ministry of HRD mentioned in the meeting that the proposal of setting up of 15 Gyan Vani FM Radio stations is not currently part of theXII Five Year Plan (2012—2017),. Further a Committee has been consituted by the Vice_Chancellor, IGNOU to examine the feasibility of setting up of these stations. Director IGNOU stated that preparation of feasibility report of these stations will take at least 2-3 years. Director, IGNOU further stated that they have no internal Extra Budget Resources (IEBR) and funds have to be provided by the Ministry of HRD. No funds have been earmarked by the M/o HRD for setting up of 15 Gyan Vani FM Stations during the XII Five Year Plan. Therefore, it will be difficult to implement this proposal during the currency of the XII Five Year Plan as the proposal is no longer on the anvil at least during the XII Five Year Plan."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State (Independent Charges) of Information and Broadcasting, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

Government of India

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Lok Sabha

Unstarred Question No. 6303

Answered on 04.05.2010

Gyan Vani FM Radio

6303. SHRI P. VISWANATHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gyan Vani FM Radio Stations functioning in the country, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the main objectives of the said stations;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Gyan Vani Stations in various parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and

(e) the time by which such stations are likely to be set up and made functional?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING(SHRI C.M. JATUA): (a) The details are given in Annexure-A.

(b) Gyan Vani is an educational FM radio channel aimed at enhancing and supplementing the teaching/learning process by reaching the learners through a low cost populat mass medium using Interactive Radio Counselling formats for various syllabus based educational subject. Gyan Vani also serves to address the local educational, developmental and socio-cultural requirements.

(c) Yes, Sir. The proposal to set up additional 15 Gyan Vani stations for the second phase is being considered in consultation with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(d) The details are given in Annexure-B.

(e) No fixed time frame has been set for operation of 15 additional Gyan Vani stations.

ANNEXURE—A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6303 FOR REPLY ON 04.05.2010

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Location
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2.		Visakhapatnam
3.	Assam	Guwahati
4.	Bihar	Patna
5.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
6.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
7.	Delhi	New Delhi
8.	Goa	Panaji
9.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
10.		Rajkot
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
12.	Karnataka	Mysore
13.		Bangalore
14.	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
15.		Cochin
16.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
17.		Indore
18.		Jabalpur
19.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad
20.		Mumbai
21.		Nagpur
22.		Pune
23.	Meghalaya	Shillong
24.	Orissa	Cuttack
25.	Punjab	Jalandhar
26.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
27.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Location
28.		Coimbatore
29.		Madhurai
30.		Tirunelveli
31.		Trichirapalli
32.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
33.		Allahabad
34.		Kanpur
35.		Lucknow
36.		Varanasi
37.	West Bengal	Kolkata

Annexure—B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6303 FOR REPLY ON 04.05.2010

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Location
1.	Andaman Nicobar	Port Blair
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar
3.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu
5.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Reva
7.	Manipur	Imphal
8.	Mizoram	Aizwal
9.	Nagaland	Kohima
10.	Puducherry	Puducherry
11.	Punjab	Amritsar
12.	Rajasthan	Ajmer
13.		Jodhpur
14.	Sikkim	Gangtok
15.	Tripura	Agartala

APPENDIX—III

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(iii) Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft.

On 29 November, 2010 Shri M.K. Raghavan, M.P., addressed an Unstarred Question No. 3168 to the Minister of Defence. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Defence within three months from the date of the reply. The assurance is yet to be implemented. The Ministry have sought extension of time upto 28 June, 2012 to fulfill the assurance.

3. The Ministry of Defence *vide* O.M. No. 54013/2/2011-D(HAL-II) dated 3 January, 2012 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That a Preliminary Design Contract has been signed between HAL and Rosoboronexport on 21 December, 2010. Further decisions will be taken at various stage after initiating the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) programme with the Preliminary Design Phase. These decisions will have to be based on the progress made up to the particular decision point and the costs and benefits of choosing a certain option out of the options available at that decision point during the Preliminary Design (PD) Phase.
>
> As already mentioned, the duration of the Preliminary Design (PD) Phase is 18 months from Time zero. The details regarding the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on FGFA programme and other conditions pertaining to maintenance, spare parts and transfer of technology etc. can be decided only during the PD Phase. Moreover Design & Development of next generation aircraft is an ongoing process for which exact time limits are not possible for being given in advance. As such, though the duration of the PD Phase is 18 months still a decision regarding the estimated expenditure and other conditions pertaining to the programme are not likely to be decided so easily.

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with approval of the Raksha Rajya Mantri, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3168

ANSWERED ON 29.11.2010

Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft

3168. SHRI M.K. RAGHVAN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:—

(a) the current status of the development of the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft being undertaken in collaboration with Russi;

(b) the main features of the agreement concluded in this regard including the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the conditions regarding maintenance/spare parts for the said aircraft;

(d) whether Transfer of Technology is involved in the agreement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU) (a) & (b): the Government of India entered into an agreement with the Russian Government for the development and production of a Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft on 18th October, 2007 for cooperation in the Joint Development and Certification of Prospective Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft. The agreement envisages joint production, joint marketing to third countries, sales, after sale support and disposal of aircraft after completion of their life-cycle. Subsequent to this Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Confidentiality agreement on 11th July, 2008, a General Contract on 22nd December, 2008 and a Memorandum on 10th March, 2010. **The estimated expenditure which is likely to be incurred for the programme is yet to be finalized.**

(c) to (e): The aircraft in service would have maintenance/repair and overhaul facilities in India. The Spares for Indian Air Force will be manufactured by HAL in India. Aircraft System Line Replaceable Units procured from other soruces are proposed to be manufactured under Transfer of Technology. The exact details in this regard have not yet been finalized.

APPENDIX—IV

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(iv) Relocation of Missile Test Range.

On 08 August, 2011 Shri ponnam Prabhaker, M.P. addressed a Starred Question No. 1211 to the Minister of Defence. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was trated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Power within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Defence *vide* O.M. No. DRDO/DPC/PL/30103/LSUS/ Assurance/52/2011 dated 01 May, 2013 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the matter pertains to the "Defence Clearance of Offshore Oil/Gas Block in the Eastern and Andaman Offshore" indicating views of Defenfe Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Directorate General Hydrocarbon (DGH) has been forwarded to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG)' DRDO has forwarded its views to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and no actionis pending with DRDO. Since the proposal is now with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG), it was therefore, proposed that the Assureance given in this regard regard may be dropped."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of Defence, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1211

ANSWERED ON 08.08.2011

Relocation of Missile Test Range

1211. SHRI PRABHAKAR PONNAM
RAJAGOPAL LAGADAPATI

Will the Minister DEFENCE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether his Ministry has objected to the gas project of Andhra Pradesh in the Krishna Godavari basin as the same comes under the missile test range;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal of alternative place for setting up of the missile test range;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken to resolve the issue?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Proposal by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to identify oil and gas exploration under New Exploration Licensing Policy-IX (NELP-IX) would interfere with the proposed long range missile launching facility in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Issue is under discussion with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Appendix-V

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(v) Railway Crossing at Dadri Bye-pass.

On 25 August, 2011 Shrimati Shruti Choudhary, M.P., addressed an Unstarred Question No. 3703 to the Minister of Railways. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Railways within three months from the date of the reply. The assurance is yet to be implemented. The Ministry have sought extension of time upto 31 March, 2013 to fulfill the assurance.

3. The Ministry of Railways *vide* O.M. No. 2011/CE-I/LX/PQL/18 dated 17 April, 2012 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the assurance treated in regard to reply to part (a) and (b) of the above mentioned question cannot be fulfilled by Railways unless the State Government submit deposit work proposal of ROB/RUB, wherein full cost is to be borne by the State Government and new level crossing cannot be permitted as per existing policy instruction."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of the Minister of State for Railways, have requested to drop the above assurance.

Annexure

Government of India

Ministry of Railways

Lok Sabha Unstarred Qustion No. 3703

Answered on 25.08.2011

Railway Crossing At Dadri Bye-Pass

3703. SHRIMATI SHRUTI CHOUDHRY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposal to accord approval to the C-Class manned Railway level crossing (new) at Km. 57.565 on RE-BTI Section in lieu of closing L-Xing No. C-36 unmanned Km. 57/9-10 to complete the Dadri bye-pass in Haryana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. State Government has proposed surface crossing for their 4 lane by pass road to link state highway at km. 57.565 on Rewari-Bhatinda section. Provision of a level crossing on road having high traffic is not desirable from the point of view of safety of road users and train operation. However, a grade separator can be considered at the demanded location, for which, State government has been advised to sponsor the proposal for Road Over Bridge/ Road Under Bridge on deposit terms. Response from the State Government is awaited.

Appendix-VI

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(vi) Power Plants.

On 25 August, 2011 Shri Adhalrao Patil Shivaji, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 3794 to the Minister of Railways. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Railways within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Railways *vide* O.M. No. 2012/Fuel/443/4 (Assurance) dated 02.02.2012 & 20.12.2012, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the final execution and functioning of the Bio-diesel plants at Raipur and Tondiarpet have slowed down due to non availability of funds. The installation of remaining two plants can only be decided on the basis of satisfactory results of the ongoing two plants in view of the above, no time frame can be indicated for installation of the remaining two bio-diesel esterification plants."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Railways, have requested to drop the above assurance.

Annexure

Government of India

Ministry of Railways

Lok Sabha Unstarred Qustion No. 3794

Answered on 25.08.2011

Power Plants

3794. SHRI SHIVAJI ADHALRAO PATIL:
SHRI KISHANBHAI VESTABHAI PATEL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI BABAR GAJANAN DHARMSHI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR MAJHI:
SHRI P. VISWANATHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Railways propose to set up various power plants *viz*. bio-diesel plants, solar power plants and wind power plants etc., across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with locations;

(c) the details of the estimated cost and power generation capacity thereof, plant-wise; and

(d) the time by which these plants are likely to be set up?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Railways have not decided to set up bio-diesel power-plants. However, it has been decided to set up four Bio-diesel esterification plants for production of bio-diesel. Further, solar photovoltaic (PV) modules and wind mill power plants are generally provided based on the availability of adequate sunlight, required speed & density of wind, techno commercial considerations & availability of fund.

(b) & (c) The first two Bio-diesel esterification plants are being set up at Raipur and Tondiarpet. The locations for the remaining two plants are under finalization. Further, the details of locations, capacity & estimated cost for the works related to solar PV modules & wind mill power plants sanctioned on Indian Railways are at Appendix.

(d) Solar PV modules & wind mill power plants are likely to be operational within next two-three years time subject to availability of fund.

Appendix-VII

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(vii) Gauge Conversion.

On 08 September, 2011 Shrimati Kamla Devi Patle, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 580 to the Minister of Railways. The text of the question along with the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Railways within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Railways *vide* O.M. No. 2011/W-2/SECR/PQL/40 dated 01 April, 2013 have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That out of the 4 projects mentioned in the reply, Pendra Road-Gevra Road (121.70 Km.) and Raigarh-Mand Colliery new line projects have already been included in the Railway Budget for 2013-14. Raipur-Jharsuguda (310 Km.) new line project has also been included in the Railway Budget for 2013-14 subject to obtaining of clearances from Planning Commission and CCEA. While the survey between Dongargarh-Kota has been completed and the survey report is under examination, the remaining surveys mentioned in the reply to the question are still under progress. In view of the position mentioned above, the decision regarding approving of the project after completion of the survey took considerable time as the survey report needs to be examined in detail to ascertain the conomic viability and availability of funds and approval of various agencies outside this Ministry also needs to be obtained. No fixed time frame can be fixed for completion of this process. As such keeping the assurance pending, till such time, will not serve any fruitful purpose. Considering the fact that the details relating to the projects/Surverys and their status has already been provided in the reply, CGA, Lok Sabha is requested to drop the assurance."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State for Railways, have requested to drop the above assurance.

Annexure

Government of India

Ministry of Railways

Lok Sabha Unstarred Qustion No. 5801

Answered on 08.09.2011

Gauge Conversion

5801. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PATLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:—

(a) the details of new railway lines and gauge conversion works under execution in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of proposals for new lines and gauge conversion from Chhattisgarh approved/pending/under consideration of Railways;

(c) the names of States in which various railway projects are under execution with the financial assistance of the concerned State;

(d) whether the Railways have received any such proposal of cost sharing for the projects in the States particularly for gauge conversion of Raipur-Dhantari line; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Unstarred Question No. 5801 by Shrimati Kamla Devi Patle to be answered in Lok Sabha on 08.09.2011 Regarding Gauge Conversion:—

(a) The following new lines and gauge conversion projects are under execution in the state of Chhattisgarh:

(i) Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur (235 km.) new railway line project.

(ii) Mandir Hasaud-New Raipur (20 km.) new railway line project.

(iii) Gauge Conversion between Raipur (Kendri)-Dhamtari including Abhanpur-Rajim branch line (67.2 km.).

(b) The survey reports for the following new line proposals, falling fully/partly in the state of Chhattisgarh are presently under examination in the Ministry:

(i) Pendra Road-Gevra Road (121.70 km.).

(ii) Korba-Lohardage (326 km.).

(iii) Raipur-Jharsuguda (310 km.).

(iv) Raigarh-Mand (63 km.).

Surveys for new line between Dongargarh-Kota, Dhamtari-Kanker and Providing connectivity for Dondi-Lohara Block HQ with Railway line are under progress. Further course of action would be decided once the survey reports are examined in the Ministry.

(c) 31 projects of New Line/Gauge Conversion/Doubling are being executed on cost sharing basis with State Governments in Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. State Government of Chhattisgarh has agreed to bear 2/3rd of the total cost of the project of Gauge Conversion between Raipur (Kendri) to Dhamtari including Abhanpur-Rajim branch line (67.20 km.). This project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 283.85 crore and included in Railway Budget 2011-12.

Appendix-VIII

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(viii) Incentives to Media person.

On 13 March, 2012 Shri Ramsinh Rathwa, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 42 to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting *vide* O.M. No. 11016/02/2012-IIS/587 dated 20.06.2012, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the regulations of National media award could not be finalized during the 11th Five Year Plan period. A proposal was sent to Planning Commission for the approval of media award, one of the component of "Human Resources Development" Scheme under 12th Five Year Plan with an outlay or Rs. 2.50 crore. However, Planning Commission has not listed this scheme in their recommendation and no allocation/approved outlay has been provided for the year 2012-13."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 42

ANSWERED ON 13.03.2012

INCENTIVES TO MEDIA PERSONS

42. SHRI RAMSINHBHAI PATALBHAI RATHWA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reward the Journalists and other media persons who are showing excellent performance in their fields by giving some incentives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore alongwith the time by which efforts would be taken in this regard; and

(d) the actual demands pending with the Government from the journalists and other media persons?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA) (a) to (d): A National Media Awards scheme is being examined in the Ministry. Details will be provided as and when the same are finalized.

APPENDIX-IX

(*vide* Para 3 of the Report)

(ix) Mithi River Project

On 27 March, 2012 Shrimati Supriya Sule,S/Shri Sanjay Dina Patil, Shri Suresh Kalmadi and Dr. Sanjeev Ganesh, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 2266 to the Minister of Urban Development. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by Ministry of Urban Development within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministy of Urban Development *vide* O.M. No. H-11016/16/2012-PHE.II dated 14 May, 2012, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That the 'MITHI RIVER PROJECT" is long going process. This Minisry has not undertaken any action or tender any advice or provide any other assistance. It is therefore requested that the reply may not be construed as an assurance."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State in the Ministry of Urban Development, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2266

ANSWERED ON 27.03.2012

MITHI RIVER PROJECT

2266. SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:
SHRI SANJEEV GANESH NAIK:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a Detailed Project Report of the Mithi River Project has been sent to the Union Government by the State Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be finalized and implemented?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY) (a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government of Maharashtra submitted a proposal seeking assistance for Mithi River Developmet Project under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in 2006. In a meeting held in the Cabinet Secretariat on 14/12/2009, it was decided that the Project will be considered for funding outside the JNNURM. Accordingly a revised Detailed Project Report (DPR) was received from Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) in December, 2009 and was forwarded to the Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) in January, 2010 for appraisal. The latest observations of the appraising agency were sent to MMRDA in September, 2011 with a request to contact the appraising agency directly for completing technical appraisal.

APPENDIX-X

vide Para 3 of the Report

(x) Consultative/Advisory Committees.

On 03 May, 2012 Shri ADV. A Sampath, M.P. addressed an Unstarred Question No. 4477 to the Minister of Railways. The text of the question alongwith the reply of the Minister are as given in the Annexure.

2. The reply to the question was treated as an assurance by the Committee and required to be implemented by the Ministry of Railways within three months from the date of the reply but the assurance is yet to be implemented.

3. The Ministry of Railways *vide* O.M. No. 2012/TG-I/31/19/LSPQ dated 29.01.2013, have requested to drop the assurance on the following grounds:—

> "That while going through the language of the reply to part (d) of the question, it would be observed that no assurance has been given in the reply. Moreover, there are 67 divisional Railways Users' Consultative Committees (DRUCCs) and 17 Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committees (ZRUCCs) (including Konkan Railways Users' Consultative Committee) in Indian Railways. Meeting of Users' Consultative committees are held at various levels. As per provision of constitution of Users' Consultative Committee, 3 to 4 meetigs of each DRUCC and 3 meetings of ZRUCCs should be held every year. The number of members nominated on each Committee varies from one Committee to another. However, on an average, around 40 to 50 members are nominated on each Committee. Suggestions relating to the Time Table, improvement of passenger services/facilities and on subjects of general public interest made during the meeting are noted by the zonal Railways/Division. The suggestions made during the meetings are examined and wherever feasible, necessary action is taken. Instructions have also been issued to zonal Railways to hold internal meetings with a view to examining the feasibility of the suggestions for taking further necessary action. However, centralized record of suggestions given by such a large number of members of these Committees is not compiled. As such, the reply given to Part (d) of the question was in order and it should not be treated as an assurance."

4. In view of the above, the Ministry, with the approval of Minister of State int he Ministry of Railways, have requested to drop the above assurance.

ANNEXURE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4477

ANSWERED ON 03.05.2012

Consultative Advisory Committees

4477. SHRI ANIRUDHAN SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various consultative/advisory committees constituted by the Railways after the elections to the 15th Lok Sabha, Zone/Division-wise;

(b) whether Members of Parliament and Members of Legislatures are also included as Members in these committees;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of percentage of suggestions-complaints solved/disposed off since the constitution of 15th Lok Sabha, as a result of the meeting of the said committees alongwith the number of meetings and percentage of attendance in such meetings, year-wise and Zone-wise including Southern Railway?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA) (a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4477 BY ADV. A. SAMPATH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.05.2012 REGARDING CONSULTATIVE/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

(a): The details of various Consultative Committees constituted after election to the 15th Lok Sabha are as under:—

S.No.	Name of Committee/Council	Term for which constituted
(i)	National Railway Users' Consultative Council (NRUCC)	16.09.2009 to 15.09.2011
(ii)	Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee (ZRUCC)	16.09.2009 to 15.09.2011 & 01.12.2011 to 30.11.2013

(iii)	Konkan Railway Users' Consultative Committee (KRUCC)	16.09.2009 to 15.09.2011 & 01.12.2011 to 30.11.2013
(iv)	Divisional Railway Users' Consultative Committee (DRUCC)	16.09.2009 to 15.09.2011 & 1.10.2011 to 30.09.2013
(v)	Metro Railway Users' Consultative Committee (MRUCC)	27.10.2010 to 26.10.2012

Further, Suburban Railway Users' Consultative Committees (SRUCCs) are also constituted on the Railways having defined suburban section and Station Consultative Committees (SCCs) are constituted at important stations by all zonal Railways.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. There is a provision for nominating members of Parliament on NRUCC, ZRUCC, KRUCC, MRUCC & SRUCC. MLAs are nominated on ZRUCC, KRUCC, MRUCC & DRUCC.

(d): After the constitution of 15th Lok Sabha, 42 meetings of ZRUCCs & KRUCC and 274 meetings of DRUCCs have been held. The suggestions received during these meetings are examined and necessary action is taken. Centralized data of the suggestions given during these meetings or their attendance is not compiled.

APPENDIX-XI

(*vide* Para 5 of the Report)

MINUTES

THIRTEENTH SITTING

Minutes of the sitting of the Committee on Government Assurances (2012-2013) held on 02 July, 2013 in Committee Room 'A', Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

The Committee sat from 1500 hours to 1615 hours on Wednesday, 02 July, 2013.

PRESENT

Shrimati Maneka Sanjay Gandhi — *Chairperson*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Gurudas Das Gupta
3. Shri Bijoy Handique
4. Sardar Sukhdev Singh Libra
5. Rajkumari Ratna Singh

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri P. Sreedharan — *Additional Secretary*
2. Shri T.S. Rangarajan — *Additional Director*

Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation)

1. Shri Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary (A&C)
2. Shri Anup Kumar Thakur, Special Secretary
3. Shri B. Gangaiah, ESA
4. Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary
5. Shri U.K. Singh, Joint Secretary
6. Shri E.K. Majhi, Joint Secretary
7. Shri Mukesh Khullar, Jooint Secretary
8. Shri Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Joint Secretary
9. Shri Narendra Bhooshan, Joint Secretary

10. Shri R.B. Sinha, Joint Secretary

11. Shri Raj Singh, Joint Secretary

12. Shri Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner

13. Shri Ashok Gulati, Chairman, CACP

14. Shri S.K. Mukharerjee, Adviser

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee and apprised them regarding the day's agenda. Thereafter the Committee considered 26 Memoranda (Memo No. 67 to 92) containing requests received from various Ministries/Departments for dropping of the pending assurances. After in-depth deliberation of the reasons adduced by the Ministries, the Committee decided to drup 10 assurances as per details given in Annexure-I. The Committee further decided that 16 assurances, required to be pursued further, as per details given in Annexure-II*.

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3. A verbatim record of the proceedings have been kept.

The Committee then adjourned.

*not enclosed.

ANNEXURE-I

Statement showing Assurances Dropped by the Committee on Government Assurances at their sitting held on 02.07.2013.

Sl. No.	Memo No.	Question No./ Discussion & Date	Ministry Department	Brief Subject
1.	67	USQ No. 587 dated 27.07.2005	External Affairs	Proposed reforms of the UN
2.	68	USQ No. 6303 dated 04.05.2010	Information and Broadcasting	Gyan Vani FM Radio
3.	70	USQ No. 3168 dated 29.11.2010	Defence	Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft
4.	72	USQ No. 1211 dated 08.08.2011	Defence	Relocation of Missile Test Range
5.	75	USQ No. 3703 dated 25.08.2011	Railways	Railway Crossing at Dadri Bye-pass
6.	76	USQ No. 3794 dated 25.08.2011	Railways	Power Plants
7.	78	USQ No. 5801 dated 08.09.2011	Railways	Gauge Conversion
8.	83	USQ No. 42 dated 13.03.2012	Information & Persons Broadcasting	Incentives to Media
9.	87	USQ No. 2266 dated 27.03.2012	Urban Development	Mithi River Project
10.	89	USQ No. 4477 dated 03.05.2012	Railways	Consultative/Advisory Committee

APPENDIX XII

MINUTES

SIXTEENTH SITTING

MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES (2012-2013) HELD ON 26 AUGUST, 2013 IN COMMITTEE ROOM 'B', PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, NEW DELHI.

The Committee sat from 1500 hours to 1530 hours on Monday, 26 August, 2013.

PRESENT

Shri Hansraj G Ahir—*In chair*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Anandrao Adsul
3. Shri Bijoy Handique
4. Shri Badri Ram Jakhar
5. Sardar Sardar Sukhdev Singh Libra
6. Rajkumari Ratna Singh
7. Dr. M. Thambidurai

SECRETARIAT

1. Shri U.B.S. Negi — *Director*
2. Shri T. S. Rangarajan — *Additional Director*
3. Shri Kulvinder Singh — *Committee Officer*

In the absence of Smt. Maneka Gandhi, Chairperson, Shri Hansraj G. Ahir, M.P. was chosen to chair the sitting of the committee under rule 258(3) of the Rules of the Procedure and Conduct ofthe Business in Lok Sabha. At the outset, the acting Chairman welcomed the Members to the sitting of the Committee and apprised them regarding the day's agenda. Thereafter Committee cosidered and adopted the following draft Seven reports without any amendment & authorized the Chairperson to present them in the House in the present session itself:—

(i) Draft Twenty Ninth Report regarding review of pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises (Department of Heavy Industry)

(ii) Draft Thirtieth Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (not acceded to)

(iii) Draft Thirty First Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (acceded to)

(iv) Draft Thirty Second Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (acceded to)

(v) Draft Thirty Third Report regarding requests for dropping of assurances (not acceded to)

(vi) Draft Thirty Fourth Report regarding review of pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Mines

(vii) Draft Thirty Fifth Report regarding review of pending assurances pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Co-operation)

2. In view of the debate going on in the House on an important matter, the Committee decided to postpone the evidence of the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of AYUSH) to a subsequent date.

The Committee then adjourned.

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